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CHECKLIST **FOR OFFICIAL SMOG CHECK** **TEST-ONLY STATION**

The purpose of this checklist is to help station owners and technicians pass the Smog Check Station inspection the first time, thereby allowing the station to perform inspection services sooner. All required equipment should be on the premises and calibrated. All station requirements must be met before calling BAR for an inspection appointment.

Disclaimer: This checklist is intended for guidance only. Please refer to the Laws and Regulations available on the BAR website listed at the bottom of this checklist for specific Smog Check Test-Only station requirements. It is the station owner and technicians responsibility to know the applicable laws related to Smog Check Test Only.

Test Only Licenses and Signs (Licenses & Signs shall be posted conspicuously in an area frequented by customers)

- ☐ Valid Automotive Repair Dealer (ARD) Registration
- ☐ Official Automotive Repair Dealer (ARD) Sign
- ☐ Valid Smog Check Inspector / Technician License
- ☐ Official Smog Check Station Sign
- ☐ Official Smog Check Station Service Sign (showing Test-Only as station type)
- ☐ Inspection Cost Sign
- ☐ Notice to Consumers (Cost limit) Sign

Test Only Station Requirements

- ☐ A licensed Smog Check Inspector / Technician must be present during all hours the station is open for the business of testing vehicles. All testing of vehicles shall be performed by a licensed Inspector / Technician, consistent with their license classification
- ☐ BAR-97 Emissions Inspection System (EIS) with gas cap tester
- ☐ BAR approved EIS calibration gases
- ☐ Dedicated telephone line, or high speed or broadband connection to EIS modem
- ☐ EIS passes gas calibration leak test with dual probe hose connected
- ☐ Station has enrolled in SGS Testcom if purchasing certificates electronically
- ☐ BAR approved cooling fan (for stations with dynamometer)
- ☐ Ignition timing light, with advance feature
- ☐ Hand vacuum pump and a vacuum gauge
- ☐ Basic hand tools necessary to inspect vehicle ignition, fuel delivery, and emission control systems
- ☐ Required maintenance of records



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- ☐ The most currently available emission control system application information
- ☐ The most currently available bureau manuals and bulletins
- ☐ Tire Pressure Gauge (Enhanced area)
- ☐ A device, (bi-directional scan tool with enhanced diagnostic test modes) capable of retrieving trouble codes from vehicles with onboard computers, along with instructions on how to extract codes, and definitions of codes found (Basic Area Only)
- ☐ Low-Pressure Fuel Evaporative test equipment that has been certified by the bureau as compliant with the Low-Pressure Fuel Evaporative Tester (LPFET)
- ☐ Approved Work Area (An area within a building and large enough to accommodate the vehicles being serviced)
- ☐ All appropriate and current smog check station adjustment specifications, manuals, bulletins and instructions for which the station performs tests including Electronic forms. CD-ROM, are acceptable as long as they also meet the standards set in BAR's "Minimum Requirements for Emissions Repair Manuals"

Contact your local BAR office for a station inspection appointment once you have verified all required licenses, manuals, and signs are available and all required equipment is present, calibrated and in working order. The station owner/manager and technician must be present during the inspection. Please allow up to 2 hours for the BAR inspection. Re-inspection or failure of the inspection will delay your station from becoming licensed.

For Information on Smog Check Station requirements please visit the California Code of Regulations sections §3340.10. through §3351.4. at the BAR's website www.bar.ca.gov